

Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

In the Drawings:

Substitute the enclosed drawing sheet 1/3 for the corresponding drawing sheet originally filed with the application.

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 1 & 3-8 and add claim 9 as set forth below. All claims are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (AMENDED) A computer system for controlling access to data to be used in common by multiple users, comprising:

data storage for storing said data in common;

an access management table including access management data to control an access right to said data in common; and

control means for automatically updating said access management data in said access management table, concurrent with and in response to transmitting a communication, in which reference information to said data in common are included, from a first user who is authorized to grant an access right to said data to a second user, wherein the second user is granted the access right to said data pursuant to the automatic updating of said access management data responsive to the transmitting of the communication.

2. The computer system according to claim 1, wherein said access management data in said access management table includes identification information for data to be accessed, identification information for said second user to whom the access right to said data has been granted, and access level information.

3. (AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 2, wherein said access management data in said access management table includes identification information for said first user who grants the access right to the second user.

4. (AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 3, wherein said control means automatically updates said access management data in response to a command that is automatically issued during said transmitting of the communication.

5. (AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 4, further comprising a plurality of user terminals for communicating with said computer system.

6. (AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 2, wherein said control means automatically updates said access management data in response to a command that is automatically issued during said transmitting of the communication.

7. (AMENDED) The computer system according to claim 1, wherein said control means automatically updates said access management data in response to a command that is automatically issued during said transmitting of the communication.

8. (AMENDED) A communication system comprising:

a computer system for controlling access to data to be used in common by multiple users, comprising:

data storage for storing said data in common;

an access management table including access management data to control an access right to said data in common; and

control means for automatically updating said access management data in said access management table, concurrent with and in response to transmitting a communication, in which reference information to said data in common are included, from a first user who is authorized to grant an access right to said data to a second user, wherein the second user is granted the access right to said data pursuant to the automatic updating of said access management data responsive to the transmitting of the communication.; and

a plurality of user terminals for communicating with said computer system.

9. (NEW) The computer system according to claim 1, wherein said access management table resides on a server external to the first user and the second user.